

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-14 ISO-00 AGRE-00 CIAE-00  
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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0695

INFO AMEMBASSY BERN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMCONSUL FLORENCE

USMISSION GENEVA

AMCONSUL MILAN

AMEMBASSY PARIS

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USEEC: GENVA ALSO FOR MTN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD EC IT

SUBJ: GOI AUTOMATIC LICENSING SYSTEM FOR TEXTILES

REF : (A) ROME 511(NOTAL); (B) ROME 2275(NOTAL);  
(C) STATE 21914 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED MFA NOTE VERBALE 076/02277 DATED  
FEB. 6, 1978 IN REPLY TO EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 27 OF JAN 12 (REF A).  
MFA NOTE FOLLOWS CLOSELY BUT IN LESS DETAIL RESPONSE WE OBTAINED  
FROM GALDI OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (REF B). A PARAPHRASED  
TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF MFA NOTE IS PROVIDED IN PARA 2.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE HONOR  
OF REFERRING TO NOTE NO. 27 OF JANUARY 12, 1978 BY WHICH THE  
EMBASSY POINTED OUT SEVERAL PROBLEMS IN RELATION TO THE IMPORT  
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OF U.S.TEXTILE PRODUCTS ARISING FROM THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED  
IN THE MINISTERIAL DECREE OF OCTOBER 25, 1977. THE MINISTRY  
INFORMS THE EMBASSY THAT , BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE DECREE  
OF DEC, 17, 1977 PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL GAZZETTE OF JAN . 6, 1978,

THE CUSTOMS HOUSES HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED ON THEIR OWN AUTHORITY  
TO PERMIT THE DEFINITIVE IMPORT OF GOODS HAVING A VALUE

OF LESS THAN A MILLION LIRE WHILE, IN THE MEANTIME, THE TECHNICAL STATEMENT FORM HAS BEEN SIMPLIFIED. IN REGARD TO THE DELAYS IN ISSUING AUTHORIZATION FOR TEXTILE PRODUCT IMPORTS, SUCH DELAYS THAT MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE, DURING THE INITIAL PERIOD, TO TECHNICAL CAUSE APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED, WHICH MEANS THAT AUTHORIZATIONS ARE BEING ISSUED PROMPTLY. IN RELATION TO THE EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR PAYMENT FOR THE GOODS BEFORE ISSUANCE OF THE IMPORT AUTHORIZATIONS, SUCH A PROCEDURE IS EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN UNDER THE EXISTING EXCHANGE CONTROL SYSTEM. AS THE SYSTEM APPLIES TO ALL IMPORTS SUBJECT TO IMPORT AUTHORIZATIONS, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ALLOW EXCEPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL PRODUCTS OF COUNTRIES. (COURTESY CLOSE). END TEXT.

3. GALDI HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE DID NOT ISSUE FURTHER DECREE, AS HE EARLIER INDICATED TO US (SEE PARA 4, REF B) BUT SET BY INTERNAL INSTRUCTION FIVE DAYS AS FOR MAXIMUM TIME FOR MINISTRY REVIEW OF AUTOMATIC IMPORT LICENSE (AIL) APPLICATIONS.

4. EMBASSY CHECKS WITH IMPORTERS INDICATE ALL LONG DELAY, PROBLEM CASES HAVE NOW BEEN CLEARED UP WITH ISSUANCE OF AIL'S. EMBASSY NOW FOLLOWING "SECOND CYCLE" CASES UNDER NEW RULES, TO DETERMINE WHAT REAL IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. GARDNER

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